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## PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

**Invention Title: COLLAPSIBLE REFRIGERATED DISPLAY CASE WITH  
UNIVERSAL BASE (Front Load & Top Load)****The invention is described in the following statement:**

This invention relates to a collapsible refrigerated display case with universal base refrigeration module which can be easily configured (assembled/disassembled) as either a front load or top load display case as required for the application. The assembly is capable of maintaining a medium refrigerated space temperature (above product freezing) but not limited. A low refrigerated space temperature with alternative refrigeration component specifications including a defrost mechanism is optional.

**Front Load Display Case Configuration:**

The universal base refrigeration module (i.e. fabricated/moulded) is partitioned into two zones (High Temperature & Low Temperature) with airflow & ventilation paths and thermally insulated between the two. The base assembly open face is sealed by a lid (i.e. fabricated/moulded) comprising an integral seal mechanism located around the upper face perimeter (channel) including integrated ducts/vents (return & supply air). The base assembly houses a vapour compression refrigeration system comprising the following components, in the High Temperature Zone: a compressor, a condensate drain tray with coil (to contain/evaporate water condensate & de-superheat compressor discharge vapour), a heat rejection assembly (condenser coil with fan), a filter drier, a refrigerant control mechanism and in the Low Temperature Zone: a heat sink assembly (evaporator coil with fan), accumulator and temperature control. All refrigeration cycle components are in fluid communication with each other (via plumbing).

Hinged thermally insulated side panels (i.e. fabricated/moulded) with mitred (i.e. 45°) corners including seal mechanism in a concertina configuration are designed to collapse & open to form a 90° angular ('U') shape. The horizontal top & bottom end surfaces interface & seal against the refrigeration base & lid mating surfaces (channels). The inner side walls have several parallel rails designed to support removable product display shelving. The open face inner side wall edges each have vertical square edged rails designed to interface with the door assembly side channels

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UNIVERSAL BASE (Front Load & Top Load)**

A perforated panel duct (i.e. fabricated/moulded) located around the discharge air vent and rear panel inner face is designed to uniformly distribute refrigerated air

Several wire shelves are positioned as required on parallel inner panel support rails

The front load door assembly frame comprises two vertical side members with 'U' channels which interface (slide into) with the side panel vertical square edged rails. Top & bottom cross members (rectangular) interface with the base & lid mating surfaces (channels). A removable hinged sealed door with insulated transparent window (single/multiple air cavity) is attached to the frame to allow for product view & access.

The lid (i.e. fabricated/moulded) is a thermally insulated housing with integral seal mechanism located around the lower face perimeter (channel).

#### **Top Load Display Case Configuration:**

The universal base refrigeration module (i.e. fabricated/moulded) is partitioned into two zones (High Temperature & Low Temperature) with airflow & ventilation paths and thermally insulated between the two. The base assembly open face is sealed by a lid (i.e. fabricated/moulded) comprising an integral seal mechanism located around the upper face perimeter (channel) including integrated ducts/vents (return & supply air). The base assembly houses a vapour compression refrigeration system comprising the following components, in the High Temperature Zone: a compressor, a condensate drain tray with coil (to contain/evaporate water condensate & de-superheat compressor discharge vapour), a heat rejection assembly (condenser coil with fan), a filter drier, a refrigerant control mechanism and in the Low Temperature Zone: a heat sink assembly (evaporator coil with fan), accumulator and temperature control. All refrigeration cycle components are in fluid communication with each other (via plumbing).

Hinged thermally insulated side panels (i.e. fabricated/moulded) with mitred (i.e. 45°) corners including seal mechanism in a concertina configuration are designed to collapse & open to form a rectangular shape. The horizontal top & bottom end surfaces interface & seal against the refrigeration base & lid mating surfaces (channels).

A perforated panel duct (i.e. fabricated/moulded) located around the discharge air vent and rear panel inner face is designed to uniformly distribute refrigerated air

The top load lid housing (i.e. fabricated/moulded) with integral seal mechanism located around the lower face perimeter (channel) interface with the insulated side panels. A removable hinged sealed lid (i.e. fabricated/moulded) with insulated transparent window (single/multiple air cavity) is attached to the housing to allow for product view & access.

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The base refrigeration module may be powered off any suitable power source, such as Alternating Current (AC): (i.e. 240VAC 50Hz or 115VAC 60Hz) & Direct Current (DC): (i.e. 12 to 48VDC)

The refrigerated display case may be manufactured (i.e. fabricated/moulded) from any suitable material, such as metals, polymers or composites.

The insulation may be manufactured (i.e. moulded) from any suitable material, such as polymers or composites.

The seal mechanism may be manufactured (i.e. extruded) from any suitable material, such as rubber/synthetic type compounds.

The hinge mechanism may be manufactured from any suitable material, such as metal, polymer, composite or elastic type compounds.

The latch mechanism may be manufactured from any suitable material, such as metal, polymer, composite or elastic type compounds.

The tie strap mechanism may be manufactured from any suitable material, such as metal, polymer, composite or elastic type compounds.

The collapsible side panel assembly outer faces may have provision for advertising, such as moulded/fixed channels/grooves on outer edges as required to locate and support bill boards (i.e. printed fibreboard/plastic sheet).

#### **Background:**

There is an immediate need for temporary refrigerated storage space in the commercial retail industries. Commercial refrigeration units are usually designed as permanent storage and not intended for use as portable/transportable devices.

There is also a need for promotional/temporary refrigerated space to be provided for efficiently & economically (i.e. without the need for special materials handling equipment due to size/weight restraint); such as in collapsible forme, being transportable consuming minimal storage volume and with ease of assembly/disassembly.

This invention will contribute significant improvements in the availability of temporary/short term refrigerated storage space such as:

#### *In Retail Stores:*

- Product Promotions
- Point of Sale Purchasing

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*Some Other Applications:*

- Corporate Functions
- Field Events
- Venues

**The advantages of this type of refrigeration display case are as follows:**

- High visibility advertising and marketing tool
- Reduced Premium Costs (i.e. short term refrigerated space substituted with the utilization of standard floor space)
- Collapsibility (i.e. utilizes maximum shipping volume, use of smaller vehicles)
- Portability (Occupational Health & Safety issues addressed i.e. components of assembly moved at ease due to partial weight & reduced physical size)
- Materials Handling Equipment (no need for specialized equipment)

**The collapsible refrigerated display case assembly (Top Load) comprises the following main components:**

- Universal Base Refrigeration Module
- Collapsible Side Panel Assembly (rectangular)
- Perforated Panel Duct (Top Load)
- Lid Assembly (Top Load)

**The collapsible refrigerated display case assembly (Front Load) comprises the following main components:**

- Universal Base Refrigeration Module
- Collapsible Side Panel Assembly ('U' Shape)
- Perforated Panel Duct (Front Load)
- Shelving
- Door Assembly
- Lid Assembly (Front Load)

**A typical application follows (Front Load):**

- The Universal Base Refrigeration Module is positioned on the required floor space
- A Collapsible Side Panel Assembly ('U') is opened to form a right angular shape and located around the Universal Base Refrigeration Module interfacing seal mechanism perimeter
- A Perforated Panel Duct (Front Load) is positioned around the supply air vent
- Wire Shelves are located on horizontal inner sidewall rails as required

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- A Door Assembly slides over vertical inner sidewall rails located at open face and the top and bottom door assembly cross members interface with the Universal Base Refrigeration Module and Lid Assembly (Front Load) interfacing seal mechanism perimeter
- A Lid Assembly (Front Load) is positioned on the Collapsible Side Panel Assembly ('U' Shape) interfacing with the seal mechanism perimeter
- The assembly may be secured with latch & strap type mechanisms
- The assembly is loaded with product
- The Universal Base Refrigeration Module is plugged into a suitable power source

**A typical application follows (Top Load):**

- The Universal Base Refrigeration Module is positioned on the required floor space
- A Collapsible Side Panel Assembly (rectangular) is opened to form a rectangular shape and located around the Universal Base Refrigeration Module interfacing seal mechanism perimeter
- A Perforated Panel Duct (Top Load) is positioned around the supply air vent
- A Lid Assembly (Top Load) is positioned on the Collapsible Side Panel Assembly (rectangular) interfacing with the seal mechanism perimeter
- The assembly may be secured with latch & strap type mechanisms
- The assembly is loaded with product (or stackable wire basket filled with product)
- The Universal Base Refrigeration Module is plugged into a suitable power source

**Principal of operation:**

**Prior to refrigeration product loading**

- The Vapour Compression Refrigeration System is run off a suitable power source & the refrigerated space is preconditioned by the removal of heat down to the desired storage temperature.

**Refrigeration Capacity**

- The Universal Base Refrigeration Module has sufficient capacity to cool product and maintain a desired storage temperature
- An Evaporator Refrigeration Coil sensor cycles in/out the Vapour Compression Refrigeration System to maintain refrigeration cooling capacity

In other embodiments of the invention the refrigeration cooling capacity can be maintained by other types of refrigeration system.

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**Methods of Power Source:****Power Grid**

- Mains Power

**Stand Alone**

- Solar (Photovoltaic)
- Wind Generator
- Hydro Generator

**Integrated**

- Fuel Cell (Hydrogen)
- Battery Cell

**Prior Art Systems:**

There are no known collapsible refrigerated display cases of this type

**To further assist with understanding the invention, please reference the accompanying information:**

**A) Illustrative Diagrams (Front Load)**

Illustrative diagrams are shown in various configurations:

**Diagram 1. (Dwg No. CRDC-001)**

Illustrates an isometric assembly of the Collapsible Refrigerated Display Case (Front Load) complete with section, front, side & top view elevations including phantom views of internal components and tentative external dimensions

**Diagram 2. (Dwg No. CRDC-002)**

Illustrates a Collapsible Refrigerated Display Case (Front Load) assembly exploded view diagram including component labels

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**B) Illustrative Diagrams (Universal Refrigeration Module Base)**

Illustrative diagrams are shown in various configurations:

**Diagram 3. (Dwg No. CRDC-003)**

Illustrates an isometric assembly of the Universal Refrigeration Module Base complete with section, front & top view elevations including phantom views of internal components, tentative external dimensions and component labels

**C) Illustrative Diagrams (Top Load)**

Illustrative diagrams are shown in various configurations:

**Diagram 4. (Dwg No. CRDC-004)**

Illustrates an isometric assembly of the Collapsible Refrigerated Display Case (Top Load) complete with section, front, side & top view elevations including phantom views of internal components and tentative external dimensions

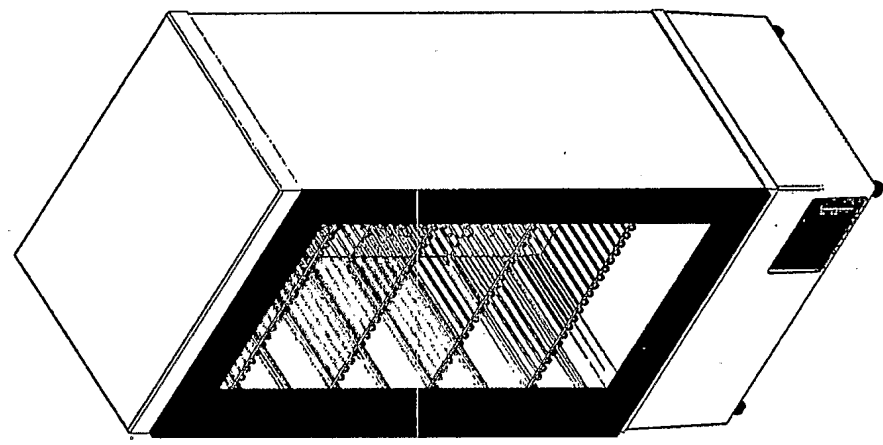
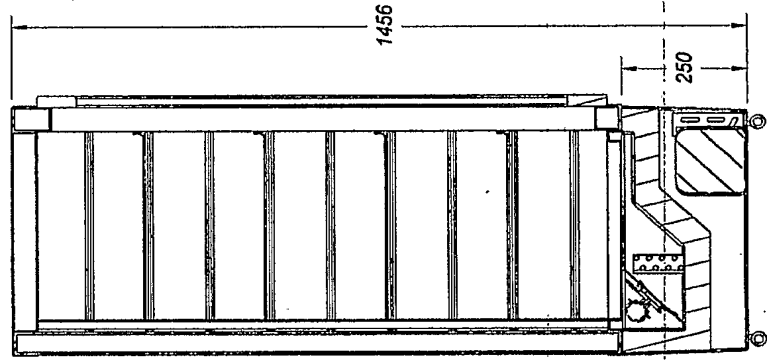
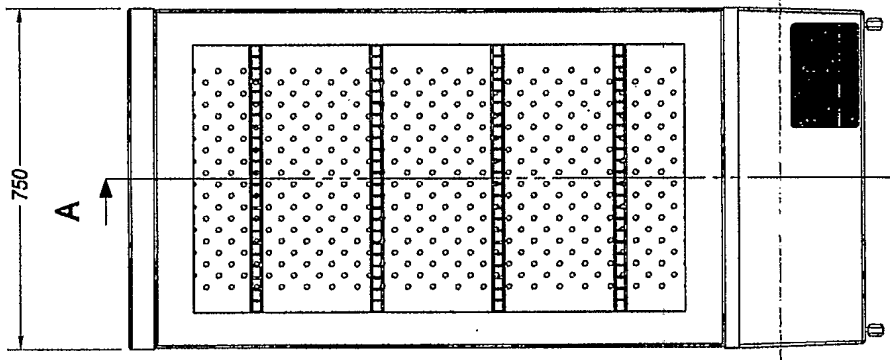
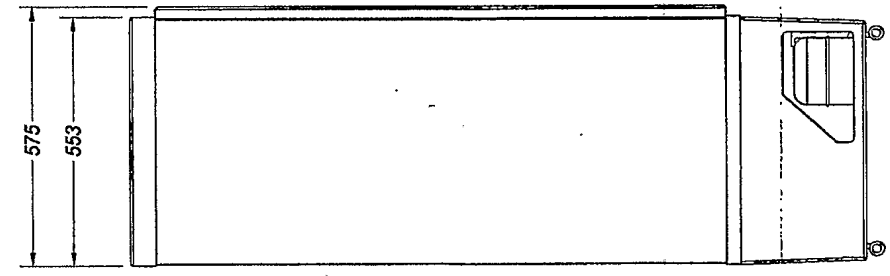
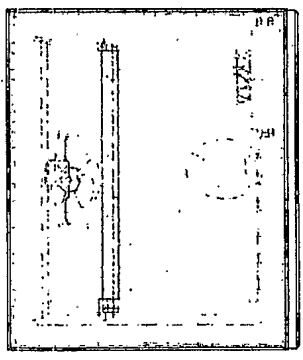
**Diagram 5. (Dwg No. CRDC-005)**

Illustrates a Collapsible Refrigerated Display Case (Top Load) assembly exploded view diagram including component labels

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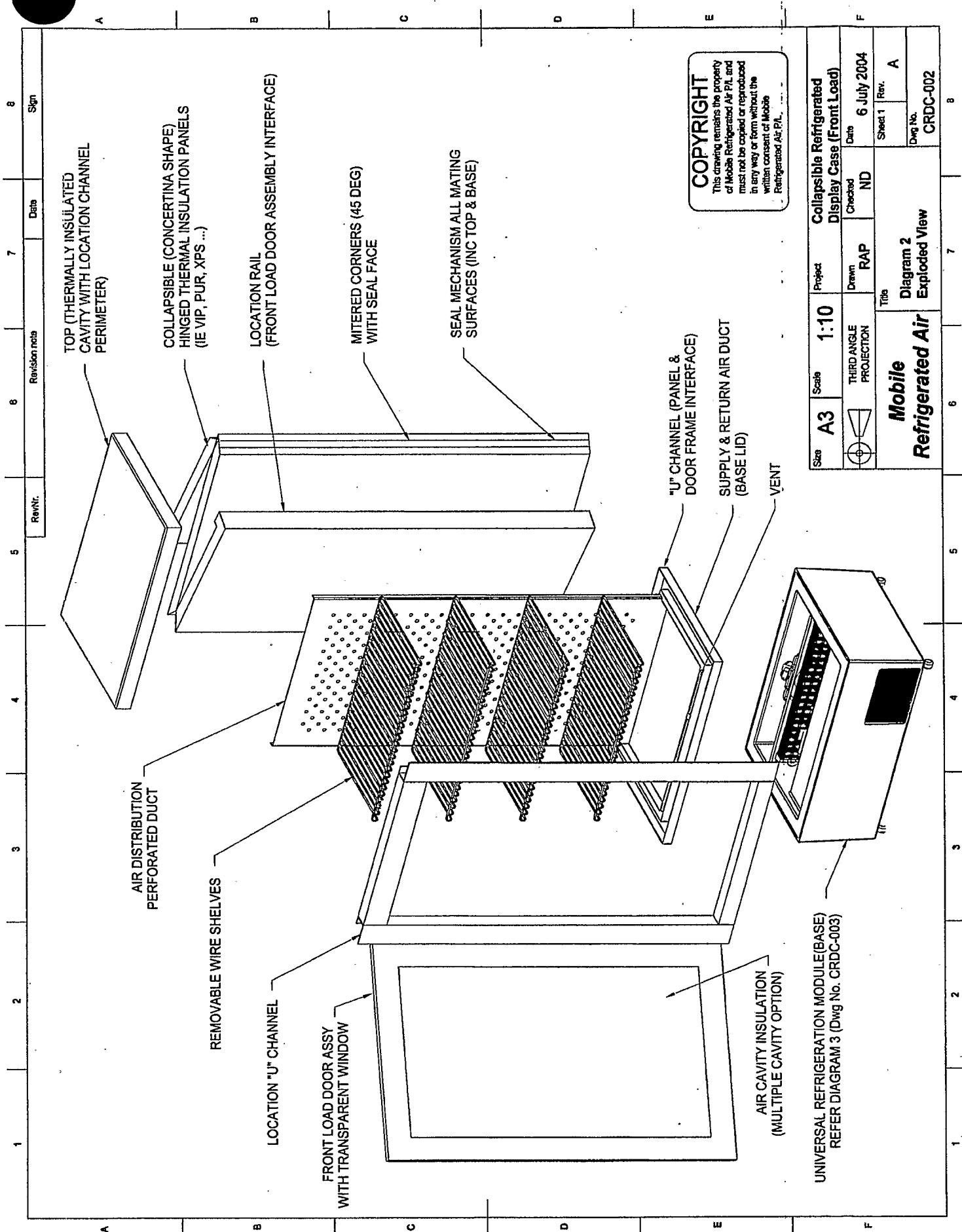
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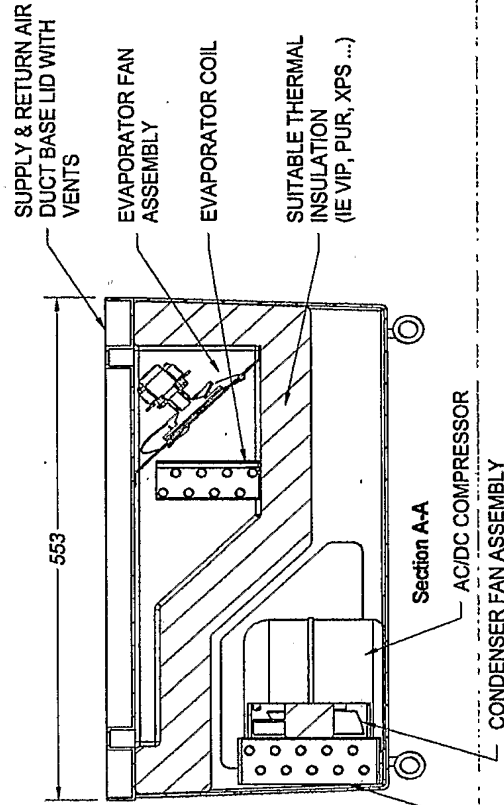
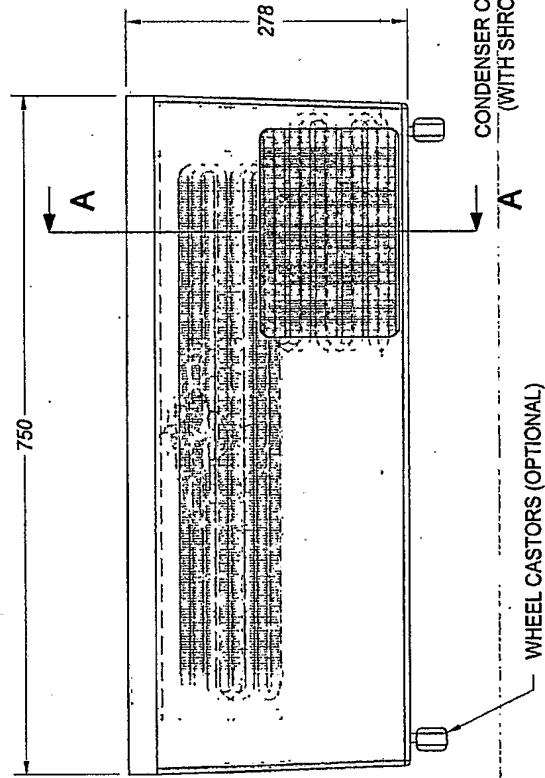
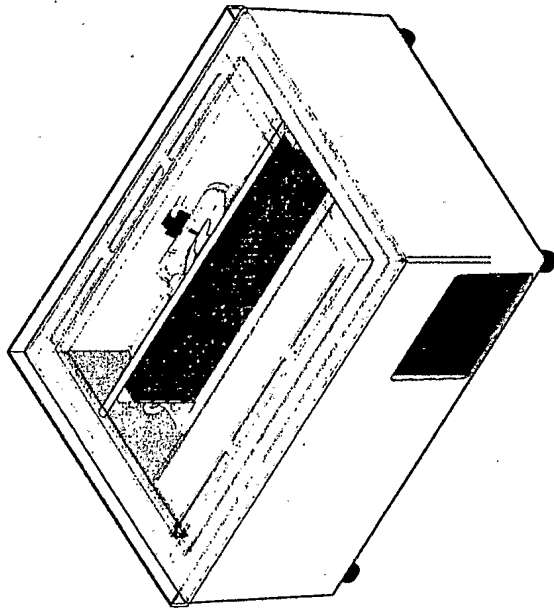
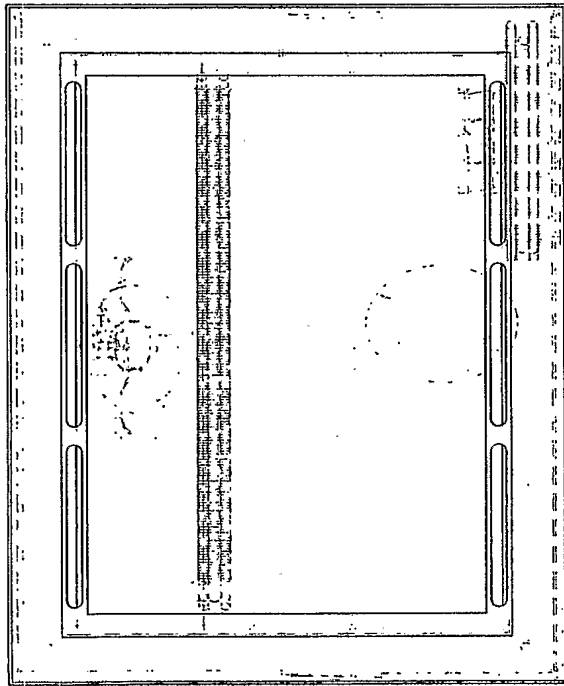


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An exploded view diagram of a mobile refrigerated air display case. The diagram shows the front panel, side panel, and base assembly. The front panel features a large rectangular display area and a control panel with several buttons. The side panel is shown slightly offset from the front panel. The base assembly includes a refrigeration unit and a support structure. The diagram is labeled with dimensions and part numbers.

UNIVERSAL REFRIGERATION MODULE(BASE)  
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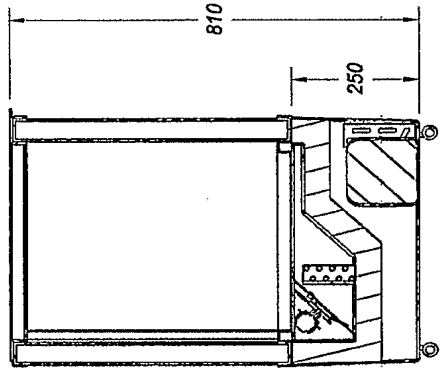
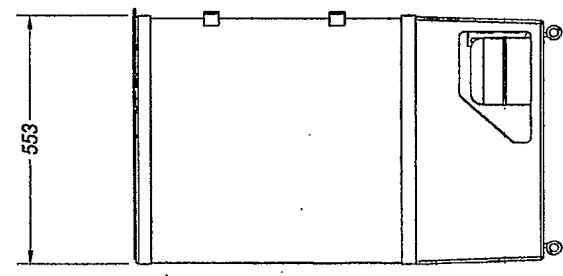
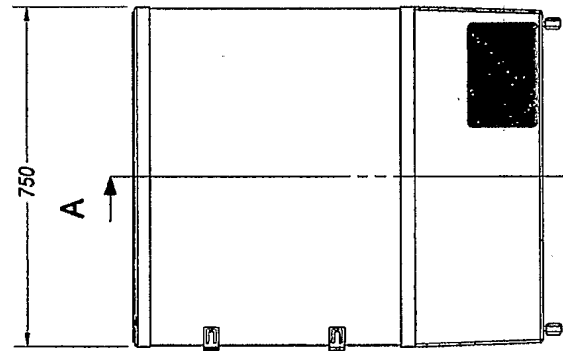
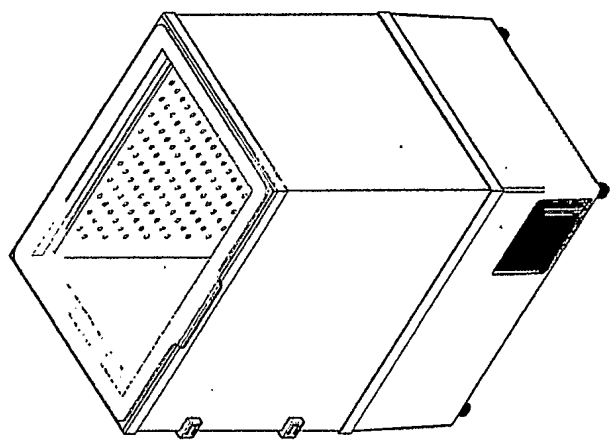
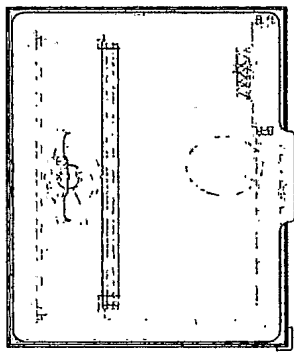
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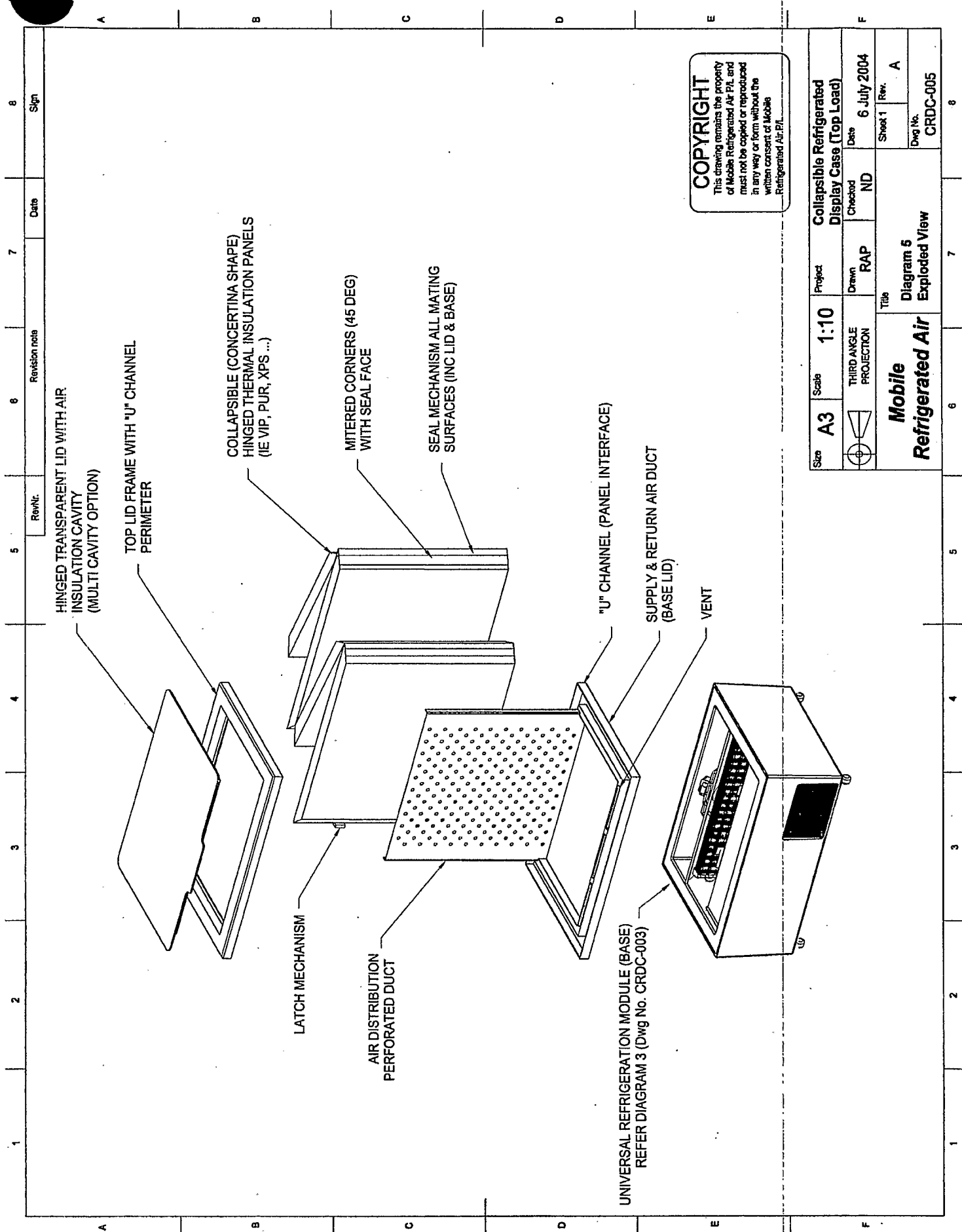


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Diagram 4  
General Arrangement



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